

REMARKS

Amendment of the claims

Claim 16 is amended to include recitation of the bend of the flow-through canalization. Additional amendments are made as a matter of form, and are not intended to alter the substance or scope of the claims.

Restriction requirement

Responsive to the restriction notice dated August 14, 2006 received in the above application, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, claims 1-15 to be maintained in this application for examination.

Traverse

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 16 has been amended, as noted above, to include recitation of the bend of the flow-through canalization. Accordingly, claim 16 includes the same or corresponding special technical feature (the bend) as claims 1-15 of Group I. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that restriction of the amended claims, based on the bend, is improper, and the withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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